

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#8  
py  
7.4.01  
JC511 U.S. PTO  
09/752834  
01/03/01

In re Patent Application of

FROOM et al

Atty. Ref.: 608-241

Serial No. Unassigned

Group:

Filed: January 3, 2001

Examiner:

For: ESTER SYNTHESIS

\* \* \* \* \*

January 3, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

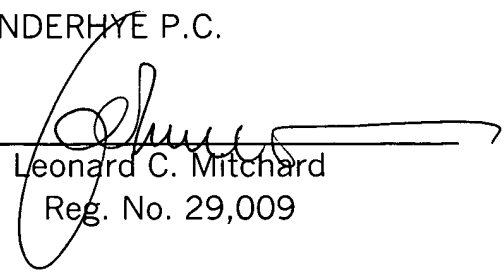
Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 listing references in connection with this application. Also enclosed is a copy of each of those references, along with the International Search Report.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYTE P.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Leonard C. Mitchard  
Reg. No. 29,009

LCM:lks  
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100